AN IMITATION WIFE.

I had adjusted my tie, taken up my hat and was preparing to leave when the door slowly opened and my mother

"Going out, are you Tom?" said she.

"Yes. "Where-to another party?"

"Yes. "That makes three this week, doesn't

it, Tom? "Yes. We're hurrying to get through. Going to take Miss Beaufort tonight, and then I'm done with the Jolly club's

Mother somehow or other didn't seem to think very much of what I said. "Tom, I wish you would get married," she said, with a troubled face. "I be-

lieve you would stay at home more." "Well, I am awful tired, mother, and completely worn out." "Then why don't you quit it?"

"The best reason in the world, mother. I am neither engaged nor in love, but am willing to be both." It was getting late so I started after

this, but the sad look on my mother's face set me to thinking. My mother is the best woman in the world, even if I do say it myself, and I felt worried about her. She was right. I was out nearly every evening-this evening at a reception, next time at a ball, then a theater party and so on. Of course I could well afford it, for

my salary as cashier at Hart's was a liberal one. But I was not saving a penny, and my home folks never saw me except at the table. Even poor old patient mother was complaining.

But I was having lots of fun. The was that Beaufort girl-she " one. Could dance any dance anything and me time in the wo Then there

would play a game was rowing, skating-anything ... Then, Vene had money; that was an IL. portant item. Why shouldn't I tackle Miss Vene on the subject of matrimony? "Thomas, old son," said I to myself,

"Vene is the one." But Vene somehow or other did not exactly suit the case, and my mind reverted to Miss Beaufort, who was smart, pretty, stylish and suited better, but I knew nothing about her financial standing. This was an important matter to me in those days.

Meanwhile the carriage approached Miss Beaufort's. I had never been there before, and to my surprise found it to be a very unpretentious house. I confess I was disappointed. I expected to drive up to an elegant mansion, be ushered into a fine reception room by a servant in livery and there await the a close. coming of Miss Beaufort. Then I expected to make a bold dash for her heart -propose, and possibly be accepted or mother.

declined by the time the party was over. But not so. A little lady with gray duced to me by Miss Beaufort as "mamma." Miss Beaufort was ready and waiting, so we walked out to the car-

"Mr. Silver," said she after we had seated ourselves, "don't you think there of Miss and Mrs. Beaufort. is a great amount of snobbery in society and lots of downright foolishness?" "Well, yes," said I.

"For instance," said she, "here is an elegant carriage that you have brought for me, and yet the party is not half a

This certainly was very refreshing. I had actually squandered one pound to have this carriage for the evening, and she was not pleased with it. I know Vene would have enjoyed a ride in it.

"Mr. Silver," she remarked again, "this is the last party I am going to this winter. "Well, why?" said I. "Aren't you go-

ing to take in the German club ball and the others?"

"No," said she. "Mamma hasn't the money; she can't afford it. Besides, Mr. Silver," she continued, "can you really afford to spend so much money on so-

I looked at her. There was honesty fairly shining out of her pretty black eyes, even if she wasn't very polite, so I answered her honestly: "No, Miss Beaufort, I cannot! I

haven't saved a penny this winter, and I get a big salary too. It seems idiotic." "I have met you so frequently I feel quite well acquainted with you, though I expect I have been a little impolite." "No," said I. "I am glad that you

take that much interest in me." Then we changed the subject. I had a splendid time at the party and enjoyed Miss Beaufort's company very much. I found her level headed and bright, if she was too frank.

The next day I told mother about it. She said she admired Miss Beaufort for her common sense, though she had never seen her. Then she referred again to my getting married.

Suppose," said she, "that you pretend for a week or so that you are married and see how it goes?"

"An imitation wife," said I. "Why not?" she said. "I will write the name of a young lady on a card, seal it in an envelope and you can lock it in your desk. Then let us suppose you are married to her for say two weeks. During that time I want you act just as if the lady were here in person and your lawfully wedded wife."

"Whose name are you going to write

on the card?" said 1. "Never mind," said she. "I will write my preference and neither of us will breathe a word about this to living

We agreed on this. Mother wrote the name on the card and sealed it in the envelope. I knew it was Vene Wright's name, so I decided to imagine that Vene was there in person, and so we commenced the week.

Monday night came. That was the night of the German club ball; but I staid at home and talked to mother. Then I played drafts with her for awhile, and we managed to have a very enjoyable evening. Next morning mother met me at the

table with smiles and about the best breakfast I had eaten for a long while. "You must imagine that your wife saw to this breakfast," she whispered.

Going to the city this morning who should get into the bus but Miss Beaufort. I bowed to her gracefully, passed her fare to the conductor, and was about to sit down by her side when I hap-pened to think of my imitation wife at home and kept my seat by the door.

"Married men have no business talking to the young ladies," said I to my-

Miss Beaufort looked at me rather queerly, but said nothing, and I thought the 'bus would never get to the city.

Thursday was the evening I was to call on Vene, and I forgot to send her an excuse. On Friday a note came from her, which mother took the liberty of opening, as she thought I would not care, and she felt like representing my wife in the desk. It was a tender missive, and somewhat surprised me when I saw it. But what could I do? Married men have no business getting tender notes from young ladies. Inasmuch as I had contracted to carry out mother's plan for two weeks, I left the note for mother to answer. She is a very truthful woman, but in answering the note she prevaricated.

She said that I was very sick, and as a natural consequence Vene called that afternoon to see me, but I was at business, and mother had to invent another story. Then she had to come all the way to the office so as to keep me from coming home my usual way for fear

d deal at mother, and ut, but Mrs. Jones her, and Vene he next day all ame round, among

her rather coldly, but instay awhile. pose Mr. Silver is almost worn

h so much going out" said the ing lady. "He is much better," said mother, "but I do not think he will go out for

several weeks. I think that I shall keep him at home. "I am so glad," said Miss Beaufort; "not that you are going to keep him at home, but that he is not going out so much. I am getting so that I fairly detest society. Here was a woman who had my mother's views, and they both

thereupon had a confidential talk and pleased each other mightily. Then she asked the mater to call on her mother, which she did.

Meanwhile I was staying at home every evening and was getting pretty tired of it, as the two weeks were drawing to

"Don't you think a man ought to take his wife out once in a while?" said I to

"Why not?" said she. "Then I'll take her to the theater tonight." So I took a couple of re seats at Drury Lane theater for the following night, and mother, who represented my wife, went with me.

We had hardly taken our seats before noticed that they were adjoining those We went home together that night

and laughed and talked a good deal. I think mother told Mrs. Beaufort what we had been doing, but I did not hear it. I know that several days later, after my two weeks of married life were over, I went to call on Miss Beaufort. We had a pleasant time together, and just as I was about to leave the old lady came in

"I forgot to ask you, Mr. Silver, what you thought of married life," said she. Miss Beaufort looked horrified, but laughed

"Mother has been telling you, has she?" said I. "She has," said she.

"Well," said I, "during the two weeks was married I read three good books, gained four pounds in weight, saved £5 10s., besides paying mother for my wife's board and the tickets to Drury Lane.

"And who were you married to? asked Miss Beaufort.
"I forgot to look," said I. I hurried

home to see who my wife had been. The envelope was just as I had placed in in my desk drawer. I tore it open, and there was the name of Miss Beaufort.

"Well," said I, "mother made her an imitation wife, now I will try to make her a real one.' And so I did.—New York Mercury.

Matching Teeth.

Perhaps the greatest difficulty that dentists meet with is the matching of false teeth with the natural teeth of their customers. The tooth factories supply dentists with rings upon which are strung thin short metal bars, each carrying a tooth at its extremity. There are twenty-five of these sample teeth that run all the way from nearly white to a shade that is almost olive. Some one of the twenty-five usually almost matches the patient's natural teeth, and, at any rate, pables the dentist to match the teeth by application at the factory.-New York

Animals That Do Not Drink. Darwin states in his "Voyage of a Naturalist" that unless the huanacoes,

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—Pittsburg Dispatch.

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The ceiling of the dining room is hidden in wonderful designs traced in vivid colors. There is no attempt at blending or compounding colors. They are laid on as they come from the pots and tubes. October, 1892. We will be prepared on the control of the colors of the colors. and the patterns are original creations. Even the stove has come in for a base line of vivid decoration, and one of the two clocks in the room is completely covered with paint. The picture frames are decorated; the muntel has a generous share of decoration; the oilcloth table covers have added designs the maker never contemplated, and even the chairs have been treated to a display of the old man's handiwork. On the walls, and even on the doors, he has oil paintings and compositions from his brush. They are not high art, but they are very effective and show considerable genius.

watched the trout of that celebrated river passing over the dam, which is nearly three feet high, with about a 4-inch volume of water pouring over it. The trout ranged in size from ten to eighteen inches, and during the time we sat there at least twenty managed to get over. In many instances a first attempt failed, owing, however, more to an apparent want of judgment, or perhaps of experience, than from lack of physical ability in the fish to accomplish the feat, the smaller fish as a rule failing to get over in the first effort.

But few of the larger fish made a clean jump into the smooth water above the apron of the dam; most of them passed perpendicularly up the falling waters and with apparent ease. These fish were enabled to swim straight up this downpour of the waters by the great muscular power they posses there was no trick, no sleight of hand about it-it was pure strength of body, which is evidently centered in the peduncle or tail and the tail fin.

They actually sculled their bodies up this comparatively dense mass of water. The query naturally arises: If a 10inch trout can swim up such a fall, what is the capacity of a salmon of forty inches under similar conditions?-American Angler.

A FALSE PROPHECY.

Would be prophets tell us We shall not reknow Them that walked our fellows In the ways below!

Smoking, smoldering Tophets Steaming, hopeless plaintal Dreary, mole eyed prophetal Poor, skin pledging saintal

Knowing not the Father,

What their prophecies? Grapes of such none gather— Only thorns and lies! —George Macdonald in Cosmopolitan.

Puritan Small Boys. recorded the minor cases he tried as justice of the peace is this entry: "His Majesties Tithingman entered complaint against Jona and Susan Smith, that on the Lord's day, during diving In a book in which Jonathan Trumbull service, they did sinne.

found guilty, and each was fined five Grain Haybaled Grain Haybaled Alfalfa service, they did smile." They were "small boy" whose behavior in the meeting house provoked the Puritan elders to groan in chorus, "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child."

The boy behaved badly because he was seated with other boys, instead of with his father and mother in a family pew. They were herded together on the pulpit and gallery stairs, and tithingmen and constables were appointed to watch over them, "and see that they behave themselves comelie, and use such raps and blows as meet."

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